

Randolph Township Trustees Regular Meeting Thursday, July 26, 2012

Chairman Roger Klodt opened the meeting at 7:00 a.m. Roger stated that he reviewed the previous meeting draft minutes and found them to be accurate. He asked if there were any corrections or additions. Mike moved to accept the previous meeting minutes as written. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes. Present: Trustees Roger Klodt, Mike Lang, Sue White, FO Mary Rodenbucher, D. Kolasky, G. Harrison, L. Klodt, B. Seigferth

Old Business

Mike is working on the truck financing for the new F550 dump truck for the Road Department. The total cost is \$40,640.00 from Jenior Ford. Mike moved to make a down payment of \$8,000 which is about 20% on the new truck. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Sue thanked the Road Crew and Dan for helping with the township picnic. She had a nice relaxing time and hopes more people will attend next year.

Roger reported that the fire tower base is finished. They are waiting on a few items. The tentative set up date is Aug 10. Mike commented that it will be all donated labor. Sue asked if this will help with all 911 calls. Roger stated that it absolutely will help.

New Business

Mike and Sue have nothing at this time.

Roger was contacted by the Portage County Solid Waste for a tire clean-up on October 13 as part of the tire amnesty grant. It is to be held at the Administration Complex from 8-12.

Roger reported that we received the initiative petition from the Engle's with the required signatures. The petition is to change the type of government to limited home rule for Randolph Township. We must hold it for 10 days for public view. After that Board of Election (BOE) will verify the signatures and required amount. It will then come back to us for a resolution to place it on the November ballot. We need to take the petitions to the BOE on August 6. The BOE has until August 8 to verify the information. We may not have time to hold a special meeting for the required resolution. Roger would like make the resolution today contingent on fact that it is approved by BOE. Sue wants to make sure the signatures are correct and actually valid. The resolution will move forward only if the petitions are approved by the BOE. Sue wants to make it clear that we, the trustees, have no choice and have to do it. Sue has a concern that a zoning member was asked to sign the petition with no explanation. All that was explained was to change the township to home rule. The zoning member stated that he would not sign it if he did not know what it is about. He asked to have information e-mailed but did not receive it. Others were specifically told that the trustees would have more authority than state. Sue stated that it is not true and feels that residents have been misled. We will not have any control over gas/oil drilling. Sue suggested that every resident understand the implications. It will likely raise taxes. Sue wants to know where the money will come from. Mike stated that it will have to be a levy which will likely not pass. Sue stated that if the ballot item passes we will have to pay for police protection and legal counsel. We can fine for zoning violations but we will have to pay legal counsel to formally collect the fines. Sue commented that their intentions are good, but residents are being misled by incorrect information. The Waterloo superintendent has checked into it and does not understand the reasoning behind this action. Mike stated that we do not have the financial resources. Roger stated that we still have no authority to override the authority of the state. Mike feels it is a stepping stone to stop fracking. Sue stated that most townships that have limited home have populations of 15,000; two have populations between 5,000 and 15,000; and one township has a population of less than 5,000. There are only 30 out of 1,308 townships in Ohio under limited home rule. Sue works for the people of Randolph and everyone has the right to speak their opinion. We have a great fire department. Having a police department would be great, but we cannot be what we are not. If we cannot pass a school levy how can we expect to pass a township levy. Gary has read information on home rule. He stated that there are some good things, but he also understands that we do not have the money for it. Gary suggested having information, with the plusses and minuses, to pass out to residents to be informed. Sue asked if it is his understanding that people who signed the petition did not know what they were signing. Gary is surprised by some of the signatures. He is pretty sure they did not understand what was being signed. Anyone can be a good salesman to promote what they want.

We need some figures to back it up. Gary feels it is a no brainer that it is not good for our township. Gary feels that it needs to be clear that we cannot stop drilling. Sue reiterated that the Engle's stated that at a prior meeting that they did not want home rule. Roger moved to authorize the BOE to place the petition on the November ballot to change the form of government for Randolph to limited home rule **only if** the signatures are authorized; if the BOE does not certify the petition the resolution is null and void. Mike seconded. Discussion: Sue wants everyone to know it is not the trustees who are pursuing this action. Roger stated that we are required by ORC to submit the petition on behalf of the residents. Betty asked that if this passes where will the money come from if a levy does not pass. Roger stated that it would go into effect January 1, but he is not sure how soon the requirements need to be in place. Sue asked Mary how much extra money is in the General Fund. Mary stated none. There was discussion about an operating levy. Mike stated that we would likely have to take out a loan to pay for the expenses. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes. Resolution attached.

Sue commented that she asked Newt if he was handing out information regarding what home rule was about. He stated that he was not and just wants to put it on the ballot. Dan stated that we need to know where the revenue is coming from. Mike stated that if we cannot fulfill the requirements we can cancel the home rule in three years. Mike stated that we should not even be considering this unless you are financially stable.

Mary presented the second quarter Health Department report for anyone that wanted to view it. Mary placed copies of the June bank reconciliation in the trustee's mailboxes. She asked if there were any questions. Roger moved to accept the June bank reconciliation. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Mary requested a motion appropriate receipts 117 – 126 totaling \$14,029.93 and pay warrants 33564 - 33602, EFTs 1215 - 1223, and voucher 43 totaling \$47,448.91. Sue so moved. Mike seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

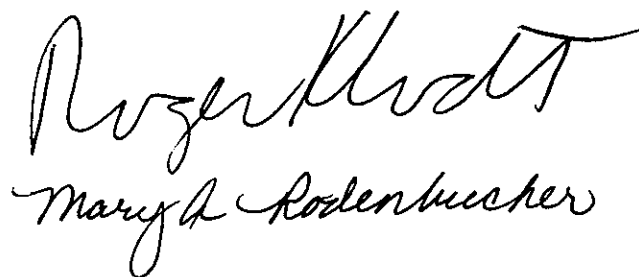
Larry presented the road department report. Larry reported on road pipe and culvert maintenance and equipment repairs. Larry is investigating a request from a resident on a drainage problem on Alexander Road. Sue brought up another drainage problem. Larry stated that if it does not flood the road, it is not a township road problem. Tim has completed about 90% of the second round of road mowing. Larry reported that Central Allied will begin the OPWC project in August.

Dan presented the Zoning and Trustee Assistant report. One permit was issued. Dan is working on pending complaints and the new website. The next Zoning Commission meeting will be August 27 in the SC at 7 p.m.

Public Comment

Gary commented that many townships do not give people the opportunity to speak. He appreciates that everyone has a chance to speak here in Randolph. He also commented that some townships do not say the Pledge of Allegiance and he hopes we continue to do so. Roger commented that as long as he is here we will say the Pledge.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 a.m.


Roger Krost
Mary A. Rodenbuscher

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
RANDOLPH TOWNSHIP, PORTAGE COUNTY, OHIO

Resolution No. 07-26-12-1

Resolution to place adoption of limited home rule on ballot

The Board of Trustees of Randolph Township, Portage County, Ohio met at a regular session, on the 26th day of July, 2012, at the Town Hall, with the following members present:

Roger Klodt;
Michael T. Lang;
Susan White:

Roger Klodt moved the adoption of the following resolution:

- Whereas, at least ten percent of the electors residing in the unincorporated area of the Township have filed a petition with the Township fiscal officer, requesting this board to adopt a resolution to place on the ballot the question of adopting the limited form of home rule for the Township, as provided in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 504;
- Resolved, that the question of adopting the limited home rule form of government for the Township shall be placed on the ballot at the general election occurring on November 6, 2012, to be voted on by the electors of the unincorporated areas of the Township.
- Resolved, the Township Fiscal Officer is hereby directed to certify a copy of the resolution to the Board of Elections of Portage County, Ohio, not less than 90 days before the election on the question.
- Resolved, The Township fiscal officer is further directed to have notice of the election, together with a description of the proposed limited home rule form of government, published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township once a week for two consecutive weeks, and to post such notice and description in five conspicuous places in the unincorporated area of the Township, all at least forty-five days prior to the election.

Michael T. Lang seconded the motion and the roll being called on the question of its adoption. The vote was as follows:

Michael T. Lang	Yes
Susan White	Yes
Roger Klodt	Yes

Adopted: July 26, 2012

CERTIFICATE

State of Ohio, Portage County

I, the undersigned Fiscal Officer of Randolph Township, Portage County, Ohio, certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 07-26-12-1 is taken and copied from the record of proceedings of the Township, and that it has been compared by me with the resolution on the record and is a true copy.

Date: July 26, 2012

Randolph Township Fiscal Officer
Portage County, Ohio